

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2006**

**OPENING SESSION**

Chairman Barber called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Barber introduced Dr. Jennifer Wilson, dean of the St. John's College of Nursing and Health Science, who presented a devotional and led in prayer.

Secretary Houston called the roll. Trustees in attendance were Art Allen, Chairman Clarence Barber, Marcy Carter, Bill Cox, Clyde Elder, Vice Chairman Don Fahrni, Gary Gilmore, Wayne Gott, Bill Henks, Mark Houston, Wayne Hutchins, Bob Killian, Ray Leininger, David Mason, Mark Rains, Rebecca Randles, David Tolliver, and Gary Urich.

Trustees Gary Brown, Phil Franz, Berniece Hamilton, Rick Hedger, Gary Longnecker, Larry Payton, and Cary Summers were unable to attend.

Faculty and staff in attendance were Ronda Credille, Darren Crowder, Theresa Daniels, Gordon Dutile, Bob Glidwell, Brent Good, Rob Harris, Dwight Haun, Ron Maupin, Bob McGlasson, Stephanie Miller, Eric Moore, Sarah Nichols, Rosalyn Snellen, President Pat Taylor, J.C. Walker, Steve Whisler, David Whitlock, Jennifer Wilson, and Linda Wooderson.

Laura Towner and Ryan Puls, president and vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA), also were in attendance. In addition, guests Allen Palmeri, reporter for The Pathway; and Roy Spannagel, of the Missouri Baptist Convention, were in attendance.

Barber called for a motion to approve the minutes from the Feb. 7, 2006 board meeting. Urich moved and Leininger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Taylor introduced the SIFE team, which delivered the presentation with which it won its 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive regional competition in St. Louis this spring. The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer session.

Snellen delivered a report on the University's accreditation site visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association (NCA).

Taylor delivered the State of the University address.

At 10:15 a.m. the meeting recessed for standing committee meetings, trustee luncheon, and tour of the Jim Mellers Center.

**BUSINESS SESSION**

At 2 p.m. the Board meeting resumed.

**Executive Committee**

Chairman Barber presented a recommendation to approve trustee meeting dates for the 2006-2007 academic year (trustee report p. 2). Houston seconded the committee’s motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Buildings & Grounds**

Vice Chair Bill Henks delivered the report. He presented the resolution for approval to proceed with the renovation of the Jim Mellers Center (p. 23). Taylor distributed a handout about the costs of and fundraising for the renovation. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Admissions & Student Life**

Committee Chair Randles delivered the report, which included a description of the University’s new scholarship structure. Discussion followed.

**Educational Policies & Personnel**

Committee Chair Elder delivered the report. Discussion followed.

**Finance**

Committee Vice Chair Allen delivered the report. He presented the resolution to adopt the FY 2006-07 budget (p. 51). Discussion followed. Tolliver asked whether the Board could be given more time to consider the budget. Discussion followed. The administration agreed to submit the budget to the Board for review prior to the Board meeting in the future. The Chairman then presented the budget resolution for a vote. Motion passed unanimously. Allen then presented the resolution to approve post-retirement benefits for 2006-07. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

**University Advancement & Estate Planning**

Committee chair Gott delivered the report.

**Other Business**

Taylor distributed a resolution from the Faculty Senate expressing appreciation to the members of the Self-Study Steering Committee. Motion to approve the resolution made by Randles. Tolliver seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

At 3:25 p.m. business session adjourned and executive session commenced.

*Minutes submitted by Sarahlynn Nichols*

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*Mark Houston, Secretary*  
*Southwest Baptist University Board of Trustees*

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